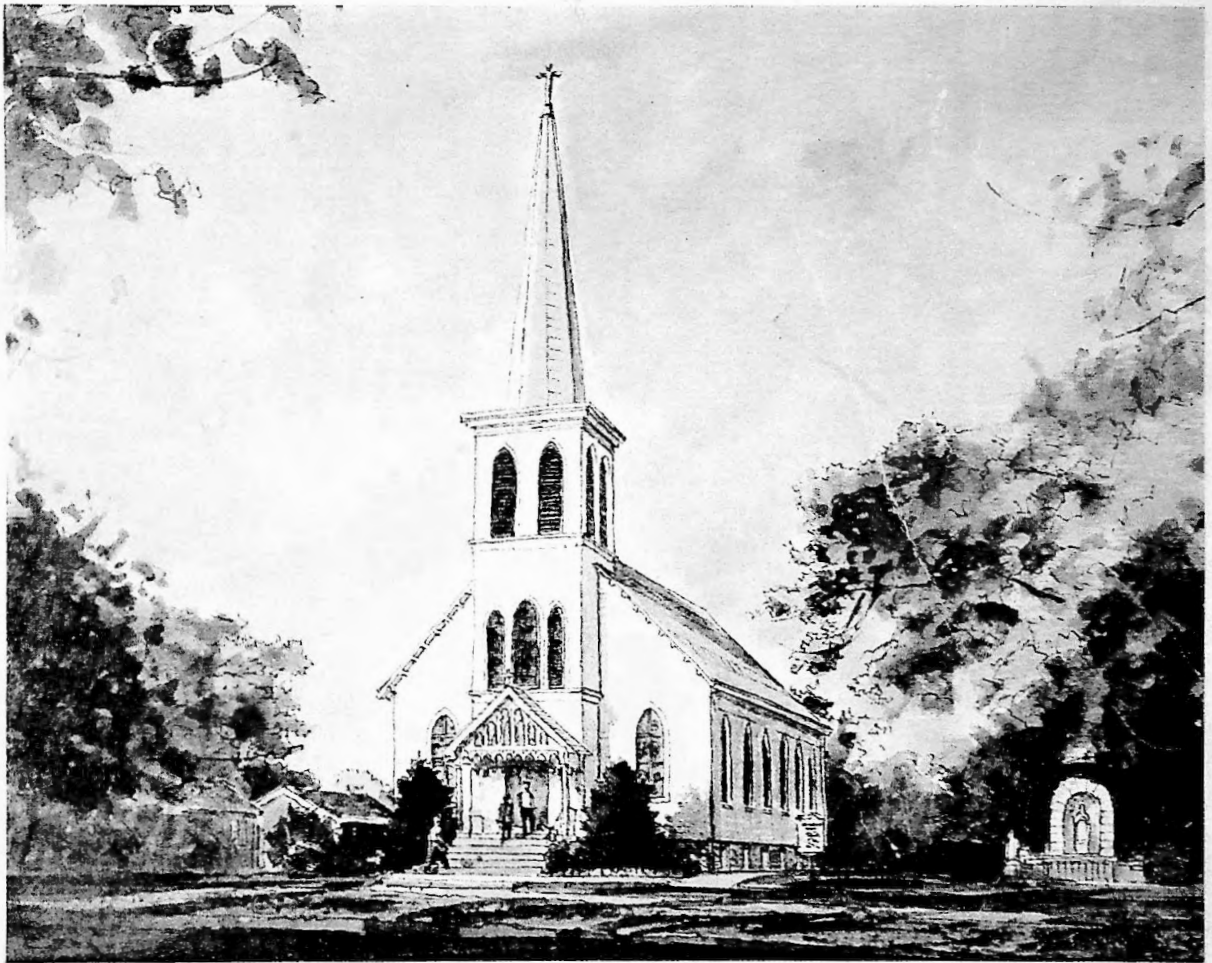


**One Hundredth Anniversary**  
**of**  
**St. Alphonsus Church**  
**Hopewell, New Jersey**



**1877—1977**

### **Prayer To St. Alphonsus**

O God, who raised Blessed Alphonsus Mary, Your confessor and Bishop, with zeal for the salvation of souls, and through him enriched Your Church with a new progeny, grant, we beseech You, that taught by his salutary admonition and strengthened by his example, we may happily be enabled to come to you.

Amen.

**This Commemorative Booklet Is Dedicated**

**To The**

**Greater Glory Of God,**

**To The**

**Blessed Virgin Mary,**

**To**

**St. Alphonsus Liguori,**

**And To The**

**Bishops, Priests And Parishioners**

**Whose Loyalty, Undying Faith And**

**Dedication Have Made St. Alphonsus**

**A Great Parish Throughout These**

**One Hundred Years**



## Most Holy Father

Rev. Frederick Clancy and his Parishioners on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of their Parish, St. Alphonsus Church, Hopewell, N. J., humbly beg a special Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of divine graces and favors.

88. nūq̄ Dominus Benedictionem Apostolicam concedit.  
 Ex Aedibus Vaticanis die 3.7.76

+ Ad. Lucas W. Travis  
 In clero., Reuerentissimus P.

Full authority has been given to me both in heaven and on earth  
 Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations  
 Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit  
 Teach them to carry out everything I have commanded you.  
 And, I know that I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Matthew 28:18-20



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

DIocese OF TRENTON  
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TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08648

October 16, 1977

Rev. Frederick J. Clancy  
St. Alphonsus Rectory  
Hopewell, New Jersey 08525

Dear Father Clancy:

It is a joy for me to extend my congratulations and my blessing to you and to the people of St. Alphonsus Parish, Hopewell, on the 100th anniversary of its founding, and to participate with you in the observance of this memorable event.

A centenary celebration inspires us to remember in grateful prayer the early settlers of this area who cooperated so generously with the priests in the surrounding areas, and made possible the establishment of a place of worship for our Divine Lord, thus sowing the seed which has been so zealously nurtured and developed over the years. We are mindful too of the dedicated priests who have served the parish in the hundred years since its establishment, among whom was numbered one of my distinguished predecessors, the second Bishop of Trenton, then Father James A. McFaul.

I join with you and the faithful of St. Alphonsus Parish in thanking our Divine Lord for the blessings of the past century, and in asking His loving care and protection in the years ahead.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *George T. Ahn*  
Bishop of Trenton

*You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.*  
David Psalm 110:4

Saint Alphonsus Church  
54 East Prospect Street  
Hopewell, New Jersey 08525  
(609) 466-0332

October 16, 1977

Dear Parishioners:

WHAT A GLORIOUS AND HAPPY OCCASION WE ARE OBSERVING!

Now after 100 years, the parish community of St. Alphonsus may with pride celebrate a history of being a tower of spiritual and moral integrity and a fount of spiritual blessings. The survival and remarkable flourishing of St. Alphonsus' parish is due to the zeal and courage and foresight of a faithful number who journeyed to Newark for authorization of its foundation and then managed to instill this same spirit into their families and they in turn into their offspring.

It is probably hard for the present generation to comprehend in our present day society, the kind of growing pains and hardships our ancestors encountered in trying to win acceptance and prove their Christian mettle and civic loyalties.

Often subject to ridicule and even contrived mis-representation they maintained a deep love for their faith and a strong sense of patriotism. This heritage up to the present generation has never been a divisive factor in allegiance to government and society and thereby incontestable throughout is each succeeding generations loyalty to government and community.

Fortunately, St. Alphonsus has been served by some very able and dedicated priests who in turn fulfilled fruitful ministries because of a people who understood the humanness of their shepherds and always held in proper perspective the powers of their priesthood.

The good sisters of St. Michael's in their day did much to prepare the youth to take their place in the world and be ready for its challenges. A job well done! Now after several years we will have a good Franciscan Nun involved in directing the Religious Education of the children.

Changes may come and changes may go but the parish of St. Alphonsus will always remain a Rock of Gibraltar in maintaining the indefectibility of the Church.

We feel greatly honored to have the Shepherd of our Diocese, Bishop Ahr, share this happy observance with us in invoking that continued enlightenment and true sense of indebtedness from Him who has made all the spiritual triumphs of the past hundred years possible.

Your Pastor,

*Father Clancy*



Father Clancy was born in Freehold, New Jersey, son of the late Joseph F. And Anne Collins Clancy. St. Rose of Lima was his home parish and he attended the Parish School for eight years before attending the local High School. College years were divided between St. Charles, Catonsville, Maryland and Seton Hall University at the latter of which a Bachelor of Arts Degree Cum laude was received in 1937.

Three years later Father entered Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, New Jersey being ordained from there on March 17, 1945, by Bishop William A. Griffin in St. Mary's Cathedral, Trenton.

For sixteen and one half years of service to the Diocese as an associate were in Ss. Peter and Paul, Trenton, St. Peter's, New Brunswick, Holy Spirit, Asbury Park, St. Mary's South Amboy, and Blessed Sacrament, Trenton and then in December 1961 his first Pastorate brought him to Our Lady, Queen of

Peace, Hainesport and after five years there the Bishop transferred him to St. Joseph's Bound Brook in February 1967.

During a Pastorate of eight and one half years at St. Joseph's a new Church was built and dedicated in February 1971. The rectory was relocated in a house purchased near the site of the new Church and major repairs to and enlargement of the old rectory, to be used as a convent, were made. The old convent was razed to make room for the new Church. A music director was hired and a full time Religious Education Coordinator. A Parish Council was instituted. The Parish School prospered under the able direction and dedication of the good Sisters of Mercy. It was a time of challenge and a great deal of team work on the part of the parishioners.

Now stationed in Hopewell since August 1975, the highlight has been the preparations for and observance of St. Alphonsus' centennial celebration. October 16, 1977, will be a memorable date for generations to come.

*"You are Peter and on This rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it."*

Matt 16:18

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 22, 1977

To the Congregation of  
St. Alphonsus Roman Catholic Church

Congratulations on the anniversary of  
your congregation. It is a pleasure to  
send my very best wishes to all of you  
and to join in your prayers for continued  
spiritual strength for all Americans.

*Jimmy Carter*



**BOROUGH OF HOPEWELL**

HOPEWELL, NEW JERSEY 08525

**DOUGLAS S. TERHUNE**  
BOROUGH CLERK

April 6, 1977

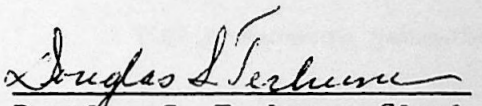
Reverend Frederick J. Clancy  
Saint Alphonsus Church  
54 East Prospect Street  
Hopewell, New Jersey

Dear Father Clancy,

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hopewell take great pleasure in congratulating your parish on completion of one hundred years of faithful service to the people of this community.

We know this celebration will have a great significance for the Borough of Hopewell, We extend best wishes for continued success in your endeavors as the pastor of Saint Alphonsus.

Sincerely,

  
Douglas S. Terhune, Clerk

## Our 100th Anniversary Celebrations — 1977

### Saturday, April 23, 1977

8:00 P.M. "April Showers" Dinner Dance,  
Elks Club, Blawenburg, N. J.

### Sunday, September 11, 1977

1:00 P.M. Annual Church Picnic,  
American Legion Grounds  
Van Dyke Road, Hopewell, N. J.

### Sunday, October 16, 1977

9:00 A.M. Children's Folk Mass

12:00 Noon Pontifical Concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving with the Most  
Reverend Bishop George W. Ahr as the principal celebrant.  
Homily by Father Richard Bellow, O.F.M., C.O.N.V.

5:00 P.M. Mass of Thanksgiving with Father Clancy as the celebrant.  
Homily by Father Donald Luciano, O.F.M., Cap.

### Friday, October 21, 1977

7:30 P.M. Young People's Anniversary Party  
Grades 7 through 12 inclusive

### Saturday, October 22, 1977

1:00 P.M. Children's Anniversary Party  
Grades 1 through 6 inclusive

### Saturday, October 29, 1977

6:00 P.M. Anniversary Dinner Dance at the Elks Club, Blawenburg, N. J.

### Wednesday, November 2, 1977

7:30 P.M. Mass for all deceased parishioners and those for whom memorials  
are listed in this book.

### Friday, November 18, 1977

8:00 P.M. A select Soiree Musicale.  
Sung by Bernice Hicks, Soprano,  
Teresa Patrick at the Pianoforte,  
Western Electric Auditorium,  
Princeton, N. J.

## ST. ALPHONSUS 100th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

<b>Honorary Chairman</b>	— Reverend Frederick J. Clancy
<b>General Chairmen</b>	— Mr. and Mrs. Angelo N. Castoro Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Chartier
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<b>Publicity</b>	— Mr. and Mrs. Sal Rainieri
<b>Pontifical Mass and Mass of Thanksgiving</b>	— Will be recorded by Mr. Anton Panacek
<b>Raffle Chairman</b>	— Mrs. William E. Seas, Jr.
<b>Reception Committee Following Both Celebration Masses</b>	— Mrs. George K. Hall, Jr. Mrs. Charles Pursell Mrs. Carmen Marotta Mrs. John Savotti Mrs. Walter J. Chartier Mrs. Frank Klevze Mrs. Donald Perrin
<b>Anniversary Dinner Dance Committee</b>	— General Chairmen: Mr. and Mrs. Angelo N. Castoro Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Chartier
<b>Reservations</b>	— Mrs. William E. Seas, Jr. Mrs. Frank Klevze
<b>Reception Committee</b>	— Mrs. John Gurka Mrs. John Eichinger
<b>Soiree Musicale</b>	— Mrs. George K. Hall, Jr., Chairman



Right Reverend  
Michael J. O'Farrell, D.D.  
First Bishop of Trenton  
Consecrated Nov. 1, 1881  
Died April 2, 1894

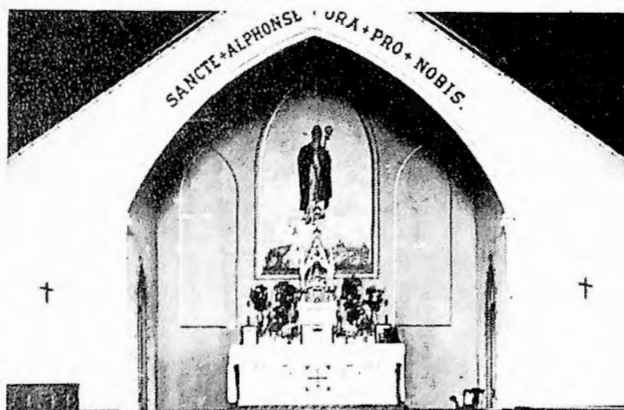


Right Reverend  
James A. McFaul, D.D., LL.D.  
Second Bishop of Trenton  
Consecrated Oct. 18, 1894  
Died June 16, 1917

**THE CHURCH — 1882**



**THE ALTAR — 1882**



**Joseph Kerwin and Mary Ellen Shelby were married in the Church at a Mass on Ascension Thursday, May 18, 1882 by Father James A. McFaul.**

## **History of**

### **ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH**

The present parish of Hopewell began its existence in 1874 when the Reverend Thomas R. Moran of St. Paul's, Princeton, came twice a year (in the spring and in the fall) to say Mass at the home of Daniel and Hannah Reardon on their farm along the Province Line Road. Besides the Reardon family, there came also the families of Edward Brophy, Patrick Cashel, Michael Norton, Stephen King, Miles Carney, James Shelby, and Daniel Kerwin. For many years before this, the scattered Catholics of this area attended church at Lambertville or Princeton. The church records show that many of them were faithful and regularly attended at Princeton. Around this time the above named men had a meeting with Bishop Michael A. Corrigan of Newark to intercede for their own church.

About 1876 Father Moran began to take up subscriptions for a church, and during this period services were held for several months in the home of Michael and Ellen Norton on Columbia Avenue.

Later in the year of 1876 Father Anthony Smith of the Cathedral took charge of the Hopewell Mission, and as a consequence of the previous meeting with Bishop Corrigan, Father Smith purchased the lot where the Church now stands. Early in the summer of 1877 the covered basement was completed, and the first Mass was said on July 11, 1877, at which time Bishop Corrigan laid the cornerstone and preached for the occasion. Father Michael Holland, an assistant at the Cathedral, had charge of Hopewell at this time, and he worked hard to advance the building, which was completed within a few years at a cost of \$5,000.00.

Lectures and concerts were held and much local talent developed. Too much credit cannot be given to Edward Brophy and Daniel Reardon for the interest they took in the work. Father Holland was followed by the Reverend James A. McFaul, an assistant at the Cathedral. Father McFaul was succeeded by Father Fox. The mission then passed to Father Bernard T. O'Connell of Bound Brook, who attended it semi-monthly. The parish at Hopewell remained in charge of St. Mary's Cathedral until 1883, when it was transferred to the charge of Father Lawler,, pastor of Dunellen. Later on another change was made, and the Hopewell Mission was attended from Bound Brook. Again Hopewell was a mission to St.Mary's, and had as many changes of pastors as the Cathedral had assistants; Father Gammel, Father O'Reilly, Father O'Farrell, Father Cunningham, and Father Ward, until finally the parish received its first resident pastor in the person of the Reverend Joseph Keuper on January 21, 1894, who also assumed charge of the Princeton and Lawrenceville Missions.

Father Keuper purchased the first organ and organized a choir, much to the delight of the people, and he resided for a while with Mr. and Mrs. Miles Carney on Princeton Avenue, Hopewell, and subsequently at St. Mary's Cathedral. He was in charge about eight months when he was promoted to Mount Holly, and Father J. Murphy succeeded him at Hopewell in October, 1894; then Father Murphy was succeeded by Father M. J. Hagerty in February, 1896, and Father Hagerty remained here until August, 1896, and was succeeded by Father Thomas J. O'Hanlon until August, 1899. Father O'Hanlon was succeeded by Father William F. Dunphy who remained here until September, 1901, and was followed by Father Thomas A. Maloney, O.S.A., a missionary en route from Australia to Ireland. Father Maloney was here at the time of the assassination of President William McKinley in September, 1901, and memorial services were held in the Hopewell Baptist Church, at which time Father Maloney sang, "Lead Kindly Light." Father Maloney remained at St. Alphonsus until September, 1902, when he was replaced by Father Peter J. Clune, who stayed here until March of 1903.

NOTE: Portions of the above information were taken from a book entitled, **History of the Diocese of Trenton**, written by the Reverend Walter T. Leahy, published in 1906 by the Princeton University Press, Princeton, N.J. This book was dedicated to the Right Reverend James A. McFaul, D.D., L.L.D., Second Bishop of Trenton, N. J.

A search of the records at the Mercer County Clerk's Office, Court House, Trenton, N. J. discloses that the name of "Saint Alphonsus Catholic Church" was incorporated December 22, 1876 under the laws of the State of New Jersey, and the Certificate of Incorporation was signed by the "Right Reverend Michael A. Corrigan, Bishop of the Diocese of Newark, the Very Reverend George H. Doane, Vicar-General of the said Diocese, the Reverend Anthony Smith, Pastor of the Roman Catholic Church (now known as Saint Alphonsus Catholic Church) and Edward Brophy and Patrick Cashel, two lay members of the said Church." The Certificate of Incorporation was recorded January 2, 1877 in the Mercer County Clerk's Office in Book "A" of Corporations on pages 204 and 205.

The records at the Mercer County Clerk's Office also disclose that Saint Alphonsus Catholic Church purchased the land containing 2.24 acres more or less on December 28, 1876 from Samuel W. Taylor and Catharine Taylor, his wife, for the sum of \$632.00. The said deed is recorded in Volume 114 of Deeds on page 341.

In November, 1881, the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIII, then reigning over the universal Church, divided the Diocese of Newark taking fourteen counties away from it to form a new diocese, and the episcopal See was established at Trenton, making the Right Reverend Michael J. O'Farrell its first Bishop.

Father Clune was succeeded at St. Alphonsus by Father Reddan, who was here for a short while in 1905, and was replaced by Father James J. Powers who remained here until September, 1911. Father John A. Kucker was here for a few months from June until September of 1911 during the illness of Father Powers. Then followed in succession Father Edward C. Manion until April, 1914; Father Peter B. Corr until January, 1915; Father John A. Caulfield until April, 1917; Father Hugh L. Massey until March, 1919; and then Father John J. West until May, 1926.

St. Michael's Home, Hopewell, had always been synonymous with St. Alphonsus, as all the pastors at St. Alphonsus also served as chaplains at St. Michael's. St. Michael's Orphanage had been planned by the Right Reverend Bishop O'Farrell, who purchased the VanDyke farm near Hopewell for this purpose, but death carried him away before he had a chance to start the building. Bishop O'Farrell left a bequest of \$60,000 as the nucleus of a fund for the orphans' home. Colonel Daniel Morris later added \$50,000. Bishop McFaul, second Bishop of Trenton, began the erection of St. Michael's Home for Orphans on October 18, 1896, which was completed and dedicated by Bishop McFaul on May 30, 1898, and placed in charge of the Sisters of St. Francis. To increase the self-supporting capacity of the Home, Bishop McFaul purchased the Drake farm of 150 acres. The Home was under the direct supervision of the Bishop, aided by a Board of Governors. The chaplains gave every reasonable attention to the welfare of the growing boys and girls as the chaplains or pastors resided at St. Michael's, with the result that the orphanage required so much of the pastor's time that the parish became the orphan.

**ST. ALPHONSUS' ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
HOPEWELL.**

Previous to the erection of this church services were held by the Catholics for several months in the house of Michael Norton, who with Edward Proney and Edward Cashel and others was among the constituent members of St. Alphonsus' Church.

A lot containing three acres was purchased, and the erection of a house of worship was begun in 1874. The corner-stone was laid by Bishop M.A. Corrigan, of Newark, who, assisted by Rev. Anthony Smith, of Trenton, blessed the church upon its completion. It is a frame building, thirty-six feet by seventy-two, and cost five thousand dollars, and with other property connected therewith is valued at seven thousand dollars.

It was under the management of Rev. Anthony Smith, of Trenton, that this congregation was organized. It is dependent upon St. Mary's Catholic Church of Trenton, of which Rev. Anthony Smith is pastor, and has been ministered to by Revs. Michael Holland and J. A. McFaul.

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From the history of "Burlington and Mercer Counties."

Information concerning Mercer County was written by John F. Hageman, Princeton, N. J., Dec. 11, 1882.

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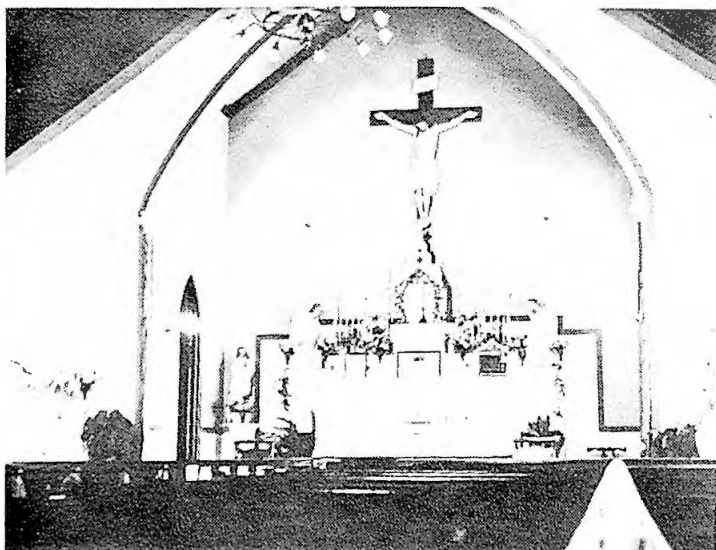
### St. Michael's Home

It was during the pastorate of the late Father West that St. Michael's had its famous boys' band under the direction and leadership of Father West and the late Martin Mayer, noted band conductor. In those days no parade was complete unless the band participated. Plans were made on June 29, 1973 to demolish this outstanding landmark, and unfortunately St. Michael's Home was razed shortly thereafter.



**Bishop George W. Ahr with the last graduating class from St. Michael's — June, 1972**





#### THE ALTAR — 1920

Father West was responsible for the installation of our beautiful leaded stained glass windows in St. Alphonus during 1921, many of which were donated by the faithful and dedicated parishioners, and many were given in memory of their dearly departed ones. The Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary was very active during that time, comprising approximately forty members, and they held a dance to raise money for their window of "St. Alphonus." Two windows were installed in honor of the parish boys who served their country in World War I.



In May of 1926 Father West was transferred to New Brunswick, and he was replaced by Father Michael A. Dalton, and like Father West, Father Dalton proved to be a great leader in the spiritual and social welfare of the parishioners. Because of the untiring efforts of these two priests, and the loyal and faithful members, the annual church picnic was always a huge success, financially as well as socially. Hundreds of people came from all the surrounding area to attend this event and partake of an old fashioned church supper with all the trimmings, amusements, various games, and dancing. These picnics continued for many years and helped build a substantial treasury.

Father Dalton was transferred to Camden early in 1935 and he was succeeded by Father Salvatore R. DiLorenzo, who was here for a brief period and he was succeeded by Father Edward A. McKenna in June of 1935. Father McKenna changed the altar into a liturgical altar complete with red velvet draperies and canopy, and after two years Father was transferred to Camden in July, 1937, and was succeeded by Father James F. McGrath, who was here for a short time.

*The man who feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood, Remains in Me and I in him.*

John 6:56



**Liturgical Altar — 1939**

Father McGrath was replaced by Father John F. Thompson as pastor, and during the year 1949 the Most Reverend Moses E. Kiley, then Bishop of Trenton, decided to make a change in the residential status of the pastor in that the pastor should devote his full time to St. Alphonus. Plans were immediately drawn by Architect Frank J. Ricker of West New York, N. J. for a rectory to be built on the church property on East Prospect Street; it was to contain twelve rooms and have a brick facing. The bid was awarded to Bregenzer Brothers of Hopewell, and the rectory was completed on October 18, 1940 at a cost of \$12,101.95, completely free of debt.



**Completed Rectory — 1940**

**1939 — Exterior**



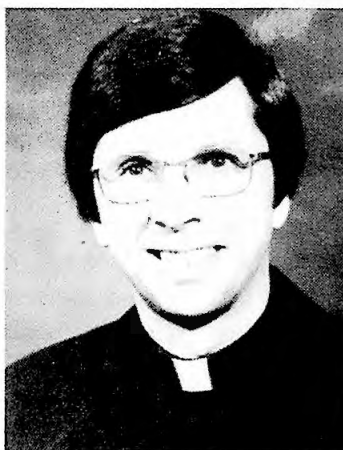
Since the completion and residency of the pastor at the rectory, the parishioners then had ready access to their pastor, and daily Mass was said in the Church in addition to the Sunday Masses.

Father Thompson accomplished much work, initiating several organizations for spiritual and social purposes, but unfortunately his health started failing, and the parishioners were greatly saddened by his death on November 3, 1960, after having served us for twenty-three years. He was laid to rest in the parish cemetery at the site of the crucifix, in accordance with his wishes.

Following Father Thompson's death, Father Francis McCusker was appointed administrator, and he was here for a few months when he was transferred to Cinnaminson, and was succeeded by Father Raymond T. Hurley as administrator, and he remained here for a short period.

Father Edward J. O'Connell was appointed pastor in April, 1962, having been transferred here from Deal, N.J. Father O'Connell was an able spiritual leader who accomplished a lot during his pastorate. He was responsible for having the church re-wired, the walls re-plastered and painted, the church braced, and the steeple repaired. Father O'Connell also purchased a new Baldwin Electronic organ in December, 1963, then removed the canopy and draperies, the altar and wrought-iron communion railing; Father erected a small altar for the tabernacle, installed panelling behind the altar, and had a small altar built in order to say Mass facing the congregation in accordance with the required changes.

During Father O'Connell's pastorate, the Reverend Ernest Bartell, C. S. C., was in residence at St. Alphonsus during 1965 and 1966 and while here completed work on his Ph.D in economics at Princeton and also held a junior faculty position in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. Father Bartell left St. Alphonsus to take a faculty position at Notre Dame University, where he remained until 1971 when he was appointed President of Stonehill College in Massachusetts.



**Father Bartell, C.S.C.**



**Father McNeill, C.S.C.**

About a month after Father Bartell left, Reverend Don McNeill, C.S.C. was given permission to establish his residence at St. Alphonsus while also studying at Princeton. He is now a member of the faculty at the University of Notre Dame. One of the highlights during Father McNeill's residency was a visit by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don McNeill. "Don McNeill" will be remembered as the host on the "Breakfast Club" program broadcast weekly from Florida. The young, the elderly, and the clergymen of Hopewell Borough attended Mass that particular Sunday afternoon, and the scriptural readings were given by "Don McNeill." Mass was followed by a reception in the church hall and refreshments were served by the Rosarians.

Father O'Connell remained at St. Alphonsus until June, 1969 when he was appointed pastor at St. Magdalen's in Flemington, N.J., and he was succeeded by the Reverend Joseph M. Krysztofik, who was transferred here from Manville. Father Benedict A. Drozdowski was appointed associate pastor in September, 1969 and remained here until July, 1970 when he was transferred to Passaic, N.J. Father Benedict was succeeded as associate by the Reverend James Meszaros, who was here for a brief period and was transferred to Medford Lakes. Father Krysztofik remained here until September, 1971, when the Bishop appointed him pastor of the Sacred Heart Church in Manville, N.J.

Father Krysztofik was succeeded by the Reverend Eugene V. Davis, who was transferred here from the Blessed Sacrament Church in Trenton, and remained here as pastor until June, 1975 when he was transferred to St. John's in Allentown, N.J. Father Eugene Schellberg, on vacation from the faculty of St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Edison, N.J. replaced Father Davis, and he remained as administrator until August 20, 1975 when Father Frederick J. Clancy was appointed pastor, having been transferred from St. Joseph's Church in Bound Brook.

In October, 1975, Father Clancy called a meeting of the parishioners in an attempt to discover the potentials of the parish and to try to implement some of the ideas that would give us more of a community relationship. In Father Clancy's words: "To belong to a parish means more than going to Mass on Sundays and being in good standing as to one's worthiness to receive the Sacraments. Parishioners must become involved in church activities, as apathy is the principal factor that prevents a parish from coming into its own. Whatever we contribute, however great or small, redounds to the fuller and more effective sharing of our heritage."

At subsequent meetings, discussion centered on these topics: sale of commemorative prints of the church to celebrate our 100th anniversary, the erection and completion of a cyclone fence surrounding the cemetery, church improvements, plans for an annual picnic, the re-activation of the CYO and the acquisition of land from the Diocese of Trenton for a possible parish center. These well-attended meetings are held every third Thursday of the month.

Father Clancy and his lay trustees, Angelo N. Castoro and Walter J. Chartier head a committee of industrious parishioners who have completed the renovation of the church hall by removing the old ceiling, exposing the original beams, installing a new lighting system, painting the walls, and by renovating the kitchen. The committee completed this project for our anniversary celebration, the fence has been installed, and eighteen acres of land are being acquired from the Diocese of Trenton.

Our pastor added a new living room on the first floor of the rectory and constructed a two-car garage. Father Clancy's ultimate goal is to raise sufficient funds for the construction of a parish social center for the benefit of the young and elderly parishioners

Our latest census disclosed that we have approximately five hundred families, and have one Saturday afternoon Mass and four Masses on Sunday to accommodate our parishioners.

One of the institutions served by our parish is the New Jersey Neuro-Psychiatric Institute in Skillman. Our parish priest takes care of the spiritual needs of the patients and personnel at the Institute. For the past thirty-five years, our pastor has been assisted there by the Franciscan Conventual Fathers, the Polish Capuchins, the Italian Capuchins and the Vincentians from St. Joseph's Seminary in Kingston, N. J.

## CHURCH RECORDS

The statistical records of St. Alphonsus from its early years until early in 1894 were kept on file at St. Mary's Cathedral, Trenton, N. J., and unfortunately these records were completely destroyed in the fire that took the lives of the Right Reverend Msgr. Richard T. Crean and two housekeepers, Miss Mary Brennan and Miss Mary Donnellan on March 14, 1956.

Accordingly, the earliest records on file at St. Alphonsus show the Sacrament of Baptism being administered in the year 1894.

### BAPTISMS

- Jan. 28, 1894** — Peter Edward Griffin, son of Thomas Griffin and Sara A. Kenney, baptized by Father Keuper.  
Godparents: Martin Faherty and Mary Fox.
- Nov. 4, 1894** — John James Cashel, son of Thomas Cashel and Catherine Deegan, baptized by Father Keuper.  
Godparents: Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Cashel
- Nov. 11, 1894** — Patrick H. Faherty, son of Patrick Faherty and Catherine Dolan, baptized by Father Keuper.  
Godparents: Catherine Welsh and John Welsh

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION — JUNE 9, 1895

Katherine Kerwin  
Michael Norton Jr.  
Michael Greaney  
Levi Brophy

Cornelius Cray  
William Cray  
Phillip Faherty  
James King

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION — Sept. 15, 1895

William Leo Cary  
Cornelius Augustus Cray  
Michael Francis Greaney  
William Edward Greaney  
Michael Joseph Norton  
James Augustus King  
Levi Joseph Brophy  
William John Brophy

Phillip Joseph Faherty  
Katherine Veronica Kerwin  
Bridget Agnes Ryan  
Julia Florence Clarkson  
Margaret Anastasia Clarkson  
Elizabeth Veronica Clarkson  
Mary Veronica Clarkson  
Mrs. Margaret Marie Cray

Martin Edward Faherty

### MARRIAGES

Among the earliest marriages that took place in St. Alphonsus were the following and this information and data was obtained from relatives or direct descendants:

<b>Dec. 25, 1878</b>	— Mary Ryan and John Kennedy
<b>May 18, 1882</b>	— Mary Ellen Shelby and Joseph Kerwin
<b>Oct. 10, 1884</b>	— Catherine Cecelia Dolan and Patrick Henry Faherty
<b>Jan. 8, 1890</b>	— Bridget Theresa Dolan and John Lawrence Kenney

The records on file at St. Alphonsus also show the following early marriages:

<b>May 21, 1896</b>	— John J. Gregory and Mary Greaney. Father M. J. Hagerty officiated
<b>May 23, 1900</b>	— John F. McVey and Catherine Welsh. Father Wm. F. Dunphy officiated
<b>Jan. 1, 1901</b>	— John P. Corrigan and Ella Greaney. Father Wm. F. Dunphy officiated
<b>Dec. 25, 1901</b>	— Michael J. Bradley and Catherine Teresa Kennedy. Father Thomas A. Maloney, O.S.A. officiated

## **FORMER AND PRESENT TRUSTEES OF ST. ALPHONSUS**

1923 - 1930 — Charles E. Brophy and Daniel Cashel

1930 - 1939 — Daniel Cashel and J. Martin Bregenzer

1939 - 1942 — Daniel Cashel and Charles Bregenzer

1942 - 1948 — Charles Bregenzer and Merritt McAlinden Sr.

1948 - 1959 — Merritt McAlinden Sr. and Saverio Castoro

1959 - 1976 — Merritt McAlinden Sr. and Angelo N. Castoro

March, 1976 - to date: Angelo N. Castoro and Walter J. Chartier



### **TRUSTEES**

**Angelo N. Castoro, Rev. Frederick J. Clancy, and Walter J. Chartier**

## FORMER PASTORS

Rev. John F. Thompson was born in Philadelphia on Oct. 4, 1893. He entered the religious life and was ordained June 13, 1924 at Baltimore, Md. by the late Archbishop Curley.

His first assignment was at St. Barnabas Church, Baltimore, Md., Blessed Sacrament Church in New Orleans; president of Xavier University, New Orleans; then in the following years in Texas, Arkansas, Riverside, N. J., Camden, Keyport, Moorestown and Riverton.

Father Thompson was pastor at St. Alphonsus for twenty-three years until his death on November 3, 1960.



**Father Thompson**



**Father O'Connell**

Rev. Edward J. O'Connell is a native New Yorker, educated at St. John's College, Our Lady of Angels, Niagara Falls, and was ordained in Trenton on March 17, 1945 by the late Bishop Griffin.

His first assignment was at Our Lady of Lourdes, Milltown; St. John's, Dunellen; St. Rose, Belmar; Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Maple Shade and Highlands; St. Andrew's, Avenel; St. Joseph's, Toms River; St. Mary's, Deal; then was appointed administrator at St. Alphonsus in April, 1962, and was named pastor on June 10, 1962, and remained here until June 20, 1969 when he was appointed pastor at St. Magdalen's, Flemington.



Rev. Joseph M. Kryzstofik was born in Trenton, N. J. on June 19, 1924. He attended St. Hedwig's Grammar School, St. Mary's Preparatory School, Orchard Lake, Mich., St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake; Seton Hall University and Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, N. J.

Father was ordained on June 3, 1950 in the first class ordained by Bishop Ahr of Trenton.

Father's first pastorate was at St. Alphonsus on June 25, 1969 through September 24, 1971, when he was appointed pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Manville, N. J.



**Father Kryzstofik**



**Father Davis**

Rev. Eugene V. Davis was born in Jersey City, N. J. on December 27, 1910 and entered the religious life at St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Md.

Father Davis was ordained on April 6, 1935 in St. Mary's Cathedral by Bishop Kiley, Trenton.

Father Davis' first appointment was at the Sacred Heart Church, Trenton; then St. Peter's, New Brunswick; pastor at St. Rose of Lima, Oxford; Holy Spirit, Perth Amboy; Sacred Heart, New Brunswick, and Blessed Sacrament Church in Trenton.

Father was appointed pastor at St. Alphonsus in September, 1971 and left June, 1975 when he was transferred as associate pastor at St. John's, Allentown.

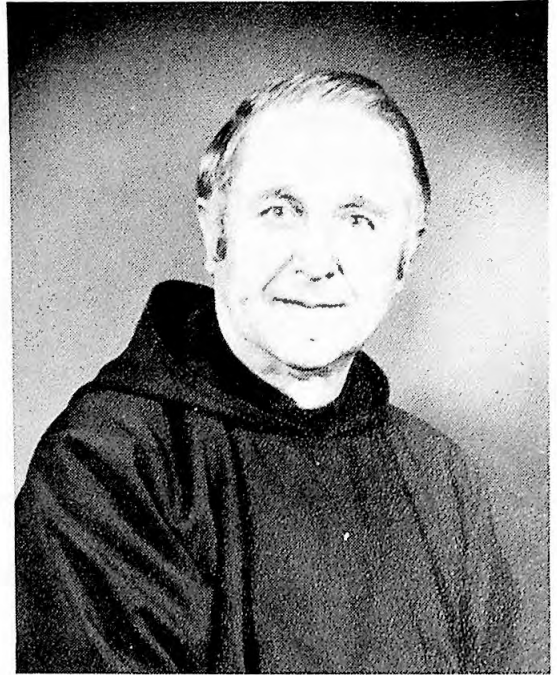
## Associate Pastor

Rev. Benedict A. Drozdowski, O.F.M., Cap. was born in Poland on June 13, 1914. After professing his solemn vows in the Capuchin Order in 1937, he pursued his studies at Lublin.

Imprisoned by the Nazi forces, Father spent five years in the concentration camps at Sachsenhausen and Dachau. Surviving this ordeal, he was ordained on August 12, 1945 at Versailles, France.

Father studied at the Conservatory of Music; became Master of Novices at Nowe Maisto, Poland, and worked five years in the Vatican archives, particularly on the beatification of the saints.

Father came to St. Alphonsus on Sept. 1, 1969 as associate pastor and remained here until July 1, 1970 when he was transferred to Passaic. In September, 1973 Father was appointed superior of St. Stanislaus Friary, Capuchin-Franciscans, in Oak Ridge, N. J.



Father Benedict, O.F.M., Cap.



Father Schellberg

## Administrator

Rev. Eugene Schellberg was born in Toms River, N. J. on June 8, 1930 and received his early education in St. Joseph's School and Toms River High School. He entered St. Francis Seminary, Staten Island, N. Y. in 1950.

Father was ordained at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Albany, N. Y. Father is a member of the faculty of St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Edison, N. J. Father served as administrator at St. Alphonsus from July, 1975 until August 20, 1975.

Immediately following the death of Father Thompson in 1960, the Reverend Francis McCusker (deceased) and the Reverend Raymond T. Hurley served as administrators during 1961 and 1962, but unfortunately their pictures and resumes are not available.

## Former Chaplains at St. Michael's Home

Rev. Joseph V. Kerr was born in New York City on Oct. 19, 1911, and attended parochial schools in Long Island and Brooklyn, and received his B.A. degree in 1935 from St. John's University and his Master's degree from Niagara in 1938.

Father was ordained May 3, 1939 in St. Mary's Cathedral, Trenton, and served as the first resident full time chaplain at St. Michael's Home from 1940 through 1946.

Father was appointed pastor in 1947 of Holy Spirit Church, Perth Amboy, and under his pastorate built a complete parish complex of church, school, rectory and convent.



**Father Kerr**



**Father Kelly**

Rev. J. Morgan Kelly was born in New Brunswick, Nov. 13, 19?? (exact year is unknown as the records were blurred). He attended parochial schools in New Brunswick, Seton Hall College, St. Mary's Seminary in Emmittsburg, Md. and Immaculate Conception Seminary in Darlington, N. J.

Father was ordained March 17, 1945 in St. Mary's Cathedral, Trenton, by Bishop Griffin, and served four years at Sacred Heart Church until 1949 when he was assigned as chaplain at St. Michael's Home and remained there until June 12, 1959 when he was appointed pastor and founder of St. Bartholomew's Church in East Brunswick, where a new church, rectory, school and convent were completed.

Rev. Philip T. Matera was born in Trenton, N. J. on July 10, 1925, and attended parochial schools in Trenton, the Society of the Catholic Apostolate in Hammonton, N. J. and Sag Harbor, Long Island, Gregorian University in Rome and completed his studies in Sacred Theology at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Md.

Father was ordained on May 19, 1951 at St. Mary's Cathedral, Trenton, by Bishop Ahr.

Father served as assistant at Holy Trinity Church, Long Branch, Phillipsburg, Iselin, and several places throughout the diocese. Father Matera served as chaplain at St. Michael's from 1962 until 1963.

On November 20, 1969 Father was assigned to his present pastorate at St. John's Church, Lakehurst.



**Father Matera**

In addition to Father Kerr, Father Kelly and Father Matera, the following priests also served as chaplains at St. Michael's Home during these recent years:

- Reverend Alexander A. Burant
- Reverend Edward J. O'Keefe
- Reverend William C. Eelman
- Reverend Francis V. Girard
- Reverend Lawrence W. Donovan
- Right Reverend William Maguire
- Reverend Thomas Deenen

• Deceased

**ST. MICHAEL'S HOME — June, 1972**



**PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS**

LORD, make me an instrument of Thy peace;  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,  
grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood, as to understand;  
to be loved, as to love;  
for it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.



## VOCATIONS

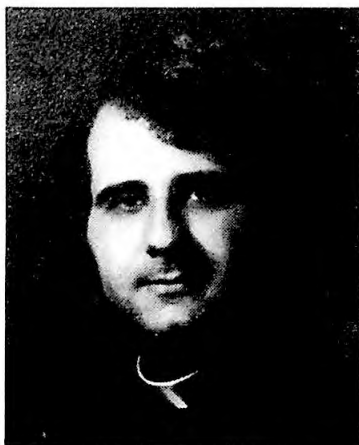
During the one hundred years of St. Alphonsus, three of our parishioners were called to the religious life: Miss Anna Bregenzer, William C. Eelman, and Richard Bellow.

MISS ANNA BREGENZER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Martin Bregenzer, was born in Pennington, N. J. in 1882, and entered into the religious life December 7, 1922. She was invested August 25, 1923, and professed her vows on August 24, 1925, thereafter to be known as Sister Mary Crucifixa. She spent her religious life as a registered nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital, Lancaster, Pa. from August 1, 1924 until September 1, 1927; at St. Agnes Hospital, Philadelphia, from 1927 until 1944, when she was transferred to Morris Hall Home of the Aged, Lawrenceville, N. J. where she remained nursing and caring for the elderly until her death on September 16, 1964 at the age of 82.



**Sr. Crucifixa, OSF, R.N.**

REVEREND WILLIAM C. EELMAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Eelman, a native of Hopewell, was ordained in 1953 and said his first Mass at St. Alphonsus. Father Eelman's first appointment was Red Bank, where he served as a curate for two years; then in the ensuing years he served at Long Branch, Rumson, Holy Angels in Trenton, Alpha, Lakewood, and was transferred to the Church of St. Pius X in Forked River, and has been pastor there for the past seven years.



**Father Richard Bellow  
O.F.M., Conv.**

FATHER RICHARD BELLOW, O.F.M.C.O.N.V., son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bellow of Hopewell, received his early education at St. Michael's Home, Trenton Catholic High, and St. Francis Seminary in Staten Island, N.Y. He entered the novitiate of the Conventual Franciscan Friars in Washington, D. C. After he professed his vows, Father Richard attended St. Hyacinth College and Seminary in Granby, Mass. where he earned a B.A. degree in Philosophy. He attended Notre Dame University and received his Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling. Father studied theology at St. Anthony-on-the-Hudson, Rensselaer, N.Y. Father was ordained on May 30, 1970 in Albany, N. Y. and said his first Mass on June 7, 1970 at St. Alphonsus. He was appointed associate pastor at St. Peter's in Riverside, N.J., then made director of the Guidance Department at Bishop Canevin High School, Pittsburgh, Pa., then as associate pastor at Saints Cyril and Method Parish in Binghamton, N. Y. in June Father was appointed Novice Master at St. Francis' Seminary, Staten Island, N. Y., and has 12 men in his care who are entering their Novitiate.

## ST. ALPHONSUS SOCIAL CLUB

This Club was organized during 1940 with Nicholas S. Castoro as the leader, and socials were held every Sunday evening in the church hall; the young teen-agers were taught dancing to the tunes of the old "juke" box; and the parents and grandparents spent the evenings playing cards.

In 1941 the Club entered a float in the local Memorial Day Parade and took first prize much to the delight and satisfaction of the members. Card parties were held in the homes of the different parishioners, and sociability was at its highest.

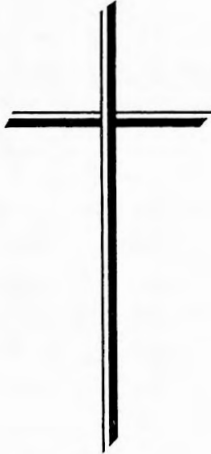
However, after the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, most of the young men either enlisted or were called into the armed services; "going away" parties were held for each young man and young woman as he or she left, and with the absence of the young people and the crisis of the war, the membership and interest gradually diminished. After the young people returned from the war, it was difficult to attempt to re-capture their previous interest after what they had been through, and consequently the Club dissolved.



**"THE WINNER"**

**Float in the Hopewell Memorial Day Parade — May, 1941**

**ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH  
HOPEWELL, NEW JERSEY  
PRO DEO ET PATRIA  
HONOR ROLL — WORLD WARS I & II  
& KOREAN CONFLICT**



Adam, Archibald  
Adam, Richard  
Adam, Robert  
Arecco, Joseph  
Bealkowski, Alex  
Bealkowski, Bruno  
Bealkowski, Edward  
Bealkowski, Frank  
Bealkowski, Joseph  
Bealkowski, William  
Bealkowski, Zigmund  
Bear, Elmer  
Bregenzer, Charles  
Bregenzer, James  
Bregenzer, Joseph  
Bregenzer, Leo  
Bregenzer, Nicholas  
Bregenzer, Thomas  
Bregenzer, William Jr.  
Caivano, Robert M.  
Castagnola, Joseph  
Castoro, Angelo N.  
Castoro, Joseph  
Castoro, Nicholas  
Corcoran, John  
D'Angelo, Pasquale  
Devlin, Edward

Devlin, Harry  
Devlin, Hugh  
Devlin, James  
Devlin, John  
Devlin, Joseph  
Devlin, Thomas A.  
Dorio, John  
Dormer, Edgar  
Eelman, William Sr.  
Eelman, William Jr.  
Eglewski, Frank  
Eglewski, Walter  
Faherty, Thomas  
Fox, Grover  
Gray, John  
Green, Willis  
Gurka, Stephen  
James, Francis  
James, Leonard  
James, William  
Jones, Frank  
Jones, Louis  
Kenney, Edward J.  
Kianka, Andrew  
Kianka, Joseph  
Kianka, Michael  
Kianka, Paul  
King, James  
Kolbert, Harry  
LaCavera, Salvatore  
Laga, John  
Lamendola, Anthony  
Leoncavello, Nicholas  
Loeser, C. George  
Lubas, Francis  
Lubas, Francis  
Lubas, Henry  
Mannix, William Jr.  
Martin, Edward  
Martin, Henry  
McAlinden, Gerard I.  
McAlinden, Joseph  
McAlinden, Merritt  
McAlinden, Joseph  
McGuire, John P.  
McLaughlin, Dewey

McLaughlin, Robert  
McQuade, John Jr.  
Messineo, Paul  
Moonan, James  
Murphy, Charles  
Murphy, John J.  
Myers, Stephen  
Nemes, Joseph  
Ploski, Joseph  
Qudenne, William  
Quigley, William J.  
Quinn, Edward  
Quinn, Joseph  
Rafalowski, Stephen  
Reavey, Francis  
Rinz, George  
Runyon, Clarence  
Sabo, Edward  
Sabo, John  
Sansone, John  
Saums, Robert  
Secoolish, John  
Sicignano, Joseph  
Solan, Edward  
Solan, Robert  
Sommovigo, Monty  
Sowsian, Michael  
Stanski, Francis  
Stanski, Joseph  
Stefani, Dario  
Stonaker, William  
Sweigert, Jeannie  
Sweigert, Mary  
Tinsman, Harry M.  
Tomarchio, Cirino A.  
Tomarchio, Cirino C.  
Toth, Francis A.  
VanArsdale, John  
VanArsdale, Raymond  
Weidl, Carl  
Weslowski, John  
Weslowski, Joseph  
Weslowski, Thomas  
Willenta, Stanley  
Woolston, Stephen  
Zucrelli, Frank

**\*STEPHEN G. MYERS WAS KILLED IN ACTION  
ON FEBRUARY 15, 1945 IN LUXEMBOURG**

## ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

This society was re-organized in 1955 under Father Thompson's pastorate with the installation of the following officers: President, Mrs. William J. Mannix Sr.; Vice-President, Mrs. Clarence Beachell; Recording Secretary, Mrs. William Mathews; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Warren Storjohan, and Treasurer: Mrs. John Eichinger.

The Altar Rosary Society now comprising approximately seventy members is celebrating its twenty-second year of spiritual, financial and social service to St. Alphonsus. Membership is open to all women of the parish to enjoy the meetings held the second Monday of each month from September through June, to gain spiritual strength through corporate communion, to recite the rosary, to hold the May crownings, and to give consolation to the deceased. Through its various social activities, particularly the annual Snow Ball Dance and bake sales, the Rosarians provide floral decorations for the altar, purchase priests' vestments, altar linens, gold vases and monstrance, holy water font, gold tabernacle, altar boys' cassocks and surplices, and a gold chalice engraved with the names of the deceased Rosarians. This society donated the Carrera marble statues of "Our Lady of Lourdes and Bernadette" which comprise the Tennessee stone grotto erected and donated by the Catholic Men's Club in 1956.



THE GROTTTO



The following officers were elected in 1975 to serve for a two year period: President, Mrs. James Gilligan; Vice-President, Mrs. Charles Lamendola; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Donald Perrin; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Donald Weston, and Treasurer: Mrs. Goerge Rovnyak.

Father Clancy and the officers extend a hearty invitation to all women of the parish to join and share in the spiritual benefits of the society and to render devoted service to dear old St. Alphonsus.

Father Clancy, the officers, and all the Rosarians wish to congratulate the past presidents, who over the years have given so much of their time, energy and devotion to the Altar Rosary Society:

- 1955 -

Mrs William J. Mannix	1955-56	Mrs. Alstyn L. Hart	1965-66
Mrs. Emanuel Azzara	1956-57	*Mrs. John Thompson	1966-67
Mrs. Clarence Beachell	1957-58	Mrs. Chas. Pursell	1967-68
Mrs. William Mathews	1958-59	Mrs. Donald Strong	1968-70
Mrs. Walter J. Chartier	1959-61	Mrs. Wm. E. Seas	1970-71
Mrs. Angelo N. Castoro	1961-63	Mrs. Joseph Toth	1972-73
Mrs. John Eichinger	1963-65	Mrs. Arthur Slack	1973-75

\* Mrs. John Thompson - Deceased



Left to Right: Mrs. George Rovnyak, Mrs. Donald Perrin, Father Clancy, Mrs. James Gilligan, Mrs. Joseph Kowalski, and Mrs. Charles Lamendola.

**Rev. John J. West and the Holy Name Society — 1920**



**Rev. John F. Thompson and the Catholic Men's Club**



The Catholic Men's Club was organized in February, 1956 with the election of the above officers: Left to right: Secretary, Angelo N. Castoro; President, William J. Mannix Sr., Spiritual Advisor, Father Thompson, and Treasurer, John Gurka.

This Club contributed financially and physically to the maintenance of the church from money derived from their social affairs, their Annual Outing and outstanding St. Patrick's Dance. They designed the grotto, purchased the Tennessee stone, and erected the grotto, which was completed in 1956. This Club was very active until it was dissolved in 1962.

## CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

SISTER ANTHONY MARIE, presently stationed at St. Joseph's Convent, Lancaster, Pa., served at St. Michael's Home from 1970-1973 as Superior of the Convent and as Principal of the school. In 1972 with the assistance of two Franciscan nuns, she set up a training program for teachers of Christian Doctrine. Each of the nuns taught two classes from the first through the sixth grades. In the evenings Sister conducted junior high school classes.

The following year CCD classes were conducted for juniors and seniors at the Incarnation School on Pennington Road, and in 1974 Sister taught the confirmation class of ninety-four pupils. In 1975-1976 Sister held the CCD classes at the Hopewell Public School, with the assistance of ten lay co-workers. Father Clancy, the instructors and the pupils were indeed sorry when Sister informed them that she was being transferred to Lancaster. Mr. James Gilligan then assumed the duties of Sister Anthony Marie.

Early this year Mr. Douglas Haefner replaced Mr. Gilligan and started serving this parish on a part-time basis as co-ordinator in the field of religious education. Mr. Haefner worked with the CCD faculty and parish in developing a parish program of religious education. There were thirty First Communicants in May, and the Sacrament of Confirmation was administered to a class of seventy-five by Auxiliary Bishop John C. Reiss during the month of May.

Mr. Haefner has been replaced by Sister Mary Fink, who assumed her duties as a full time co-ordinator in the religious field in August. For the past five years Sister Mary has been the CCD director for the parish at St. Gertrude's in Lebanon, Pa., and also as a Eucharistic minister taking communion to the elderly and infirm, and also visiting those who had become lax in their Catholic duties and obligations. Sister Mary is well remembered by many of our parishioners as having served at St. Michael's Home for sixteen years as house mother and teacher.

Sister Mary Fink, with the aid of Mr. Gilligan and the co-workers will continue with the work so ably initiated by her predecessors.



**Sr. Anthony Marie, O.S.F.**



**Sr. Mary Fink, O.S.F.**

## C.Y.O.

The Catholic Youth Organization began its program of social and athletic events in December, 1976 with the teen-agers in seventh grade through the twelfth. The following officers were elected: Reverend Frederick J. Clancy, Moderator; President, Debbie Strong; Vice-President, Darlene Jacobs; Secretary, Christine Klevze; and Treasurer, David Perrin.

Chairladies: Social, Karen Perrin; and Spiritual, Linda Jacobs; Programs and Services, Billy Seas.

The C.Y.O. now has a program consisting of many projects, including folk masses, Christmas caroling, roller and ice skating, dancing and bowling. They also visit the sick, nursing homes, and arrange special programs with films and guest speakers, and worked diligently in the Community Day celebration of Hopewell Borough.

The youth of the parish through these programs learn to appreciate the values of Christian living, and receive wholesome and social activity.



**STANDING:** Christine Klevze, Linda Jacobs, Darlene Jacobs, Karen Perrin, Billy Seas  
**SEATED:** Mrs. Wm. Seas, Jr., Donna Perrin

## SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB



**Left to Right: Mr. James Terraciano, Mrs. William J. Mannix Sr., Mrs. Arthur M. Keefe, Mrs. John Savotti, and Father Clancy.**

This Club was organized primarily to promote recreational, spiritual and social relationships among our senior citizens, and the first meeting was held January 4, 1977, at which time the following officers were elected: President, Reverend Frederick J. Clancy; Vice-President, Mrs. John Savotti; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Arthur M. Keefe; Treasurer, Mr. James Terraciano, and Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. William J. Mannix Sr. The following members were appointed to the Ways and Means Committee: Miss Josephine Albert and Mrs. Josephine Bonanno; Hospitality Chairman, Mrs. William Bucci.

Many enjoyable trips have been held since its inception: the Passion Play in Union City, the Easter Pageant at Radio City Music Hall, a cruise up the Hudson River, and a picnic at the home of the Vice-President.

The Club meets the first Tuesday of each month with the exception of July, August, and Holidays, and anyone fifty years of age and over is eligible for membership.

## LAY READERS



Seated: Walter J. Chartier, co-ordinator; Darlene Jacobs, Debbie Strong, Father Clancy, Alfred Hughes. Standing: John Jacobs, Joseph N. Castoro, James Gilligan, Leo Mahony, Herman Panacek, Donald Strong, George Rovnyak and Vito Truglio.

## USHERS



Seated: John Gurka, John Eichinger, Michael Dorio, John Wleienta. Standing: Louis Paferl, Robert Calvano, Thomas Murphy, Jr., Head Usher, and D. Nicholas Toth.



Father Clancy and the Altar Boys

## PARISH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE



Seated — Leo Mahony, Mrs. Angelo N. Castoro, Father Clancy, Mrs. Walter J. Chartler, George Rovnyak.  
Standing — Angelo N. Castoro, Mrs. Wm. J. Mannix, Sr., Walter Chartler & Walter Baker

## COMMEMORATIVE PRINT COMMITTEE



Mrs. John Gurka, Mrs. George K. Hall, Jr., Mrs. Thomas M. Murphy, Jr.

## ANNUAL PICNIC COMMITTEE



Seated — Mrs. Joseph Kowalski, Mrs. Donald Strong, Mrs. George Rovnyak, Mrs. Russell Smith  
Standing — Joseph Kowalski, Donald Strong, George Rovnyak and Russell Smith.

## CCD INSTRUCTORS



Seated — Patricia Pagano, Mrs. Cirino Tomarchio, Mrs. Richard Wilson, Mrs. Charles Lamendola & Father Clancy.

Standing — James Gilligan, Mrs. Arthur Slack, Mrs. Herbert Seeburger, Mary Elizabeth Pagano, Mrs. Donald Weston, Mrs. Herman Panacek, Klara Toth & Mrs. Peter Gibbons.



**COMMUNION CLASS 1977**



**Father Clancy and First Communion Class — May 7, 1977**

**CONFIRMATION CLASS**



**Auxiliary Bishop John C. Reiss and Confirmation Class — May 18, 1977**

**Father Clancy wishes to give public recognition to the following persons who have given so generously of their time and talents to St. Alphonsus.**

### **ALTAR BOYS**

Andrew Bushnell  
Anthony Cirello  
Michael Cirello  
James Gilligan  
William Halloran  
David Jacobs  
John Jacobs  
Jeffrey Kowalski  
Christopher Machusak  
Stephen Mahony  
Joseph McAlinden  
Kevin Mears  
Luke Mears

Michael Mears  
Jeffrey Nelson  
Michael Nelson  
Michael Nini  
James Perrin  
Michael Seas  
William Seas  
Herbert Seeburger  
Scott Smith  
Joseph Toth  
Keith Van Arsdale  
Donald Weston  
Michael Zdanowski

### **JUNIOR CHOIR**

Miss Mary Elizabeth Pagano )  
Miss Maryann Ruggieri ) Co-ordinators  
Mr. Leo Livecchi — Guitarist

Miss Donna Perrin  
Miss Karen Pinelli  
Miss Linda Seas  
Miss Eva Sesztak  
Miss Theresa Sesztak  
Miss Ann Slack  
Miss Mary Eileen Toth  
Mr. Joseph Toth  
Miss Jeanine Vaccarino  
Miss Nancy Kleuze

Miss Christine Campanaro  
Miss Sandy Campanaro  
Miss Lisa Caruso  
Miss Chris Klevze  
Miss Debbie Klevze  
Miss Joann Klevze  
Miss Pamela Marotta  
Miss Barbara Perrin

### **SENIOR CHOIR**

Mrs. William Kianka  
Mr. Robert Castoro  
Miss Marie Carnevale  
Miss Cathy McAlinden

— Director and Organist  
— Organist  
— Organist  
— Organist

Mr. Angelo N. Castoro  
Mrs. Angelo N. Castoro  
Mr. Robert Castoro  
Mr. Walter J. Chartier  
Mrs. Joseph D'Agostino  
Mrs. Vincent D'Agostino  
Mr. Leo Livecchi

Mrs. William Mathews  
Mr. Joseph McAlinden  
Mrs. Paul Messineo  
Miss Mary Elizabeth Pagano  
Miss Maryann Ruggieri  
Mrs. William Sisco  
Mrs. Ronald Raymond

## CCD INSTRUCTORS

Sister Anthony Marie, O.S.F.  
Sister Mary Fink, O.S.F.  
Mrs. Peter Gibbons  
Mr. James Gilligan  
Mrs. Charles Lamendola  
Miss Mary Elizabeth Pagano  
Miss Patricia Pagano  
Mrs. Herman Panacek

Mrs. Herbert Seeburger  
Mrs. Arthur Slack  
Mrs. Cirino Tomarchio  
Miss Klara Toth  
Mrs. Joseph Toth  
Mrs. Donald Weston  
Mrs. Richard Wilson

## LAY READERS

Mr. Walter J. Chartier, Instructor  
Mr. Joseph N. Castoro  
Mr. James Gilligan  
Mr. Alfred Hughes  
Miss Darlene Jacobs  
Mr. John Jacobs

Mr. Leo Mahony  
Mr. Herman Panacek  
Mr. George Rovnyak  
Miss Debbie Strong  
Mr. Donald Strong  
Mr. Vito Truglio

## USHERS

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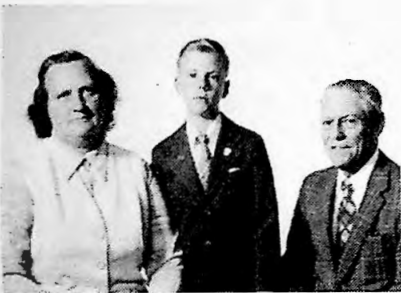
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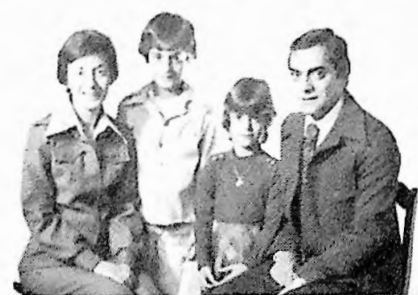
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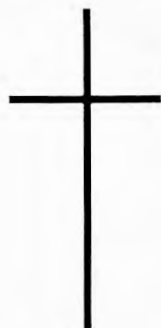
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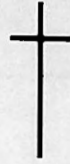
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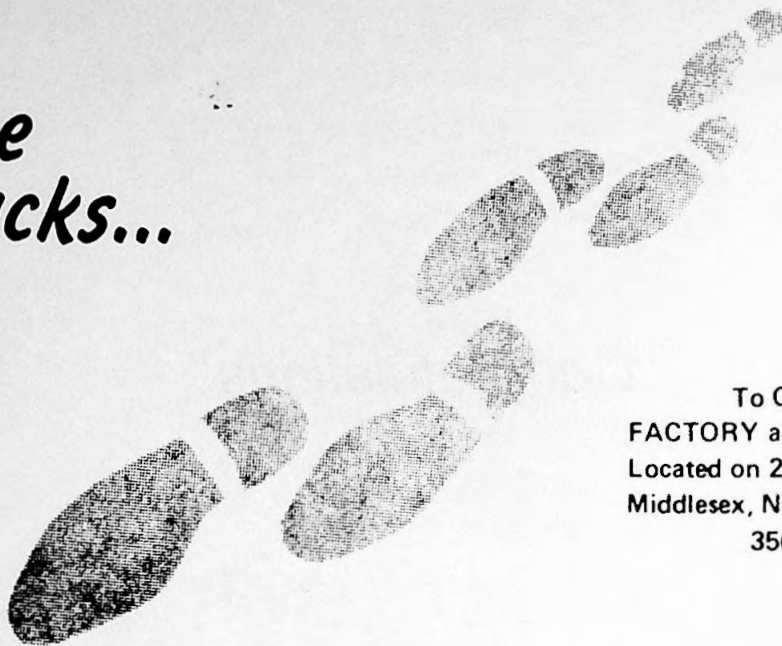
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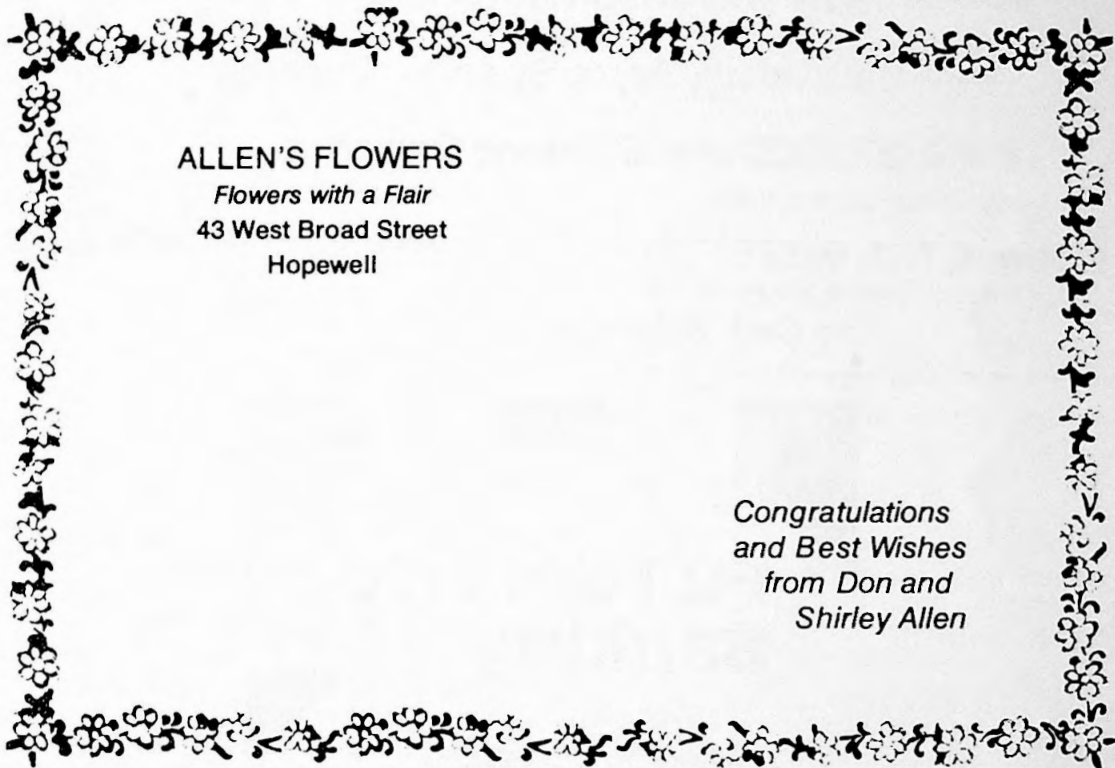
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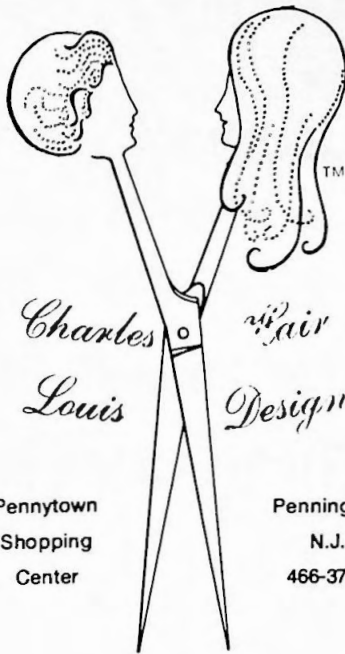
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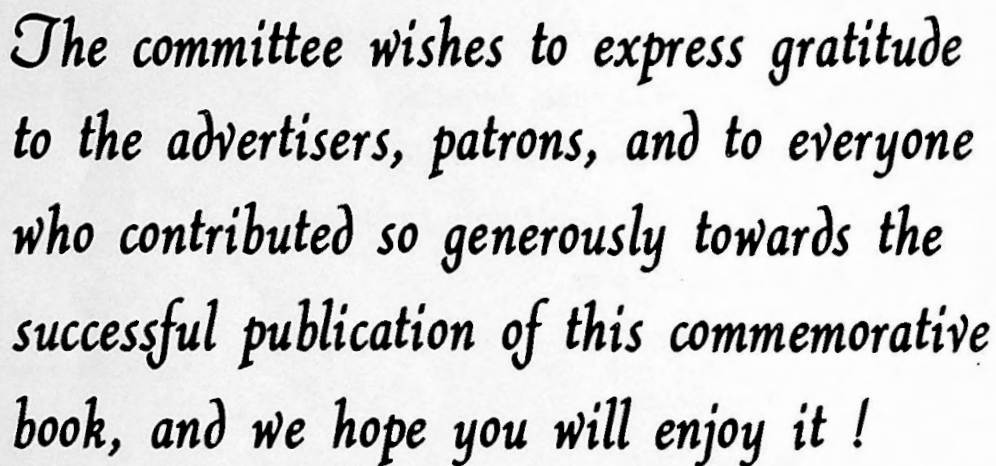
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